

24 October 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

Subject: SANACC Action on Psychological Warfare Papers.

1. The undersigned attended the SANACC meeting held Thursday, 23 October 1947, in the New State Department Building at 1430 hours.

2. The Committee considered SWNCC 304/6 dated 30 September 1947, the memorandum by the Army member (SANACC 304/8 dated 20 October 1947), and the CIA memorandum to SANACC subject "Psychological Warfare" dated 22 October 1947 and arrived at the following:

a. A special Ad Hoc Committee will undertake the study and submit recommendations as a matter of urgency on the problem "Should the U. S. at the present utilize psychological warfare measures in furtherance of the attainment of its National objectives."

b. The regular Subcommittee on psychological warfare will continue its present studies. It will, however, limit its treatment of the problem to the requirements of a Psychological Warfare Agency "in time of war" based on the assumption that the findings of the special Ad Hoc Subcommittee will cover the period when a threat of war exists as determined by the President. The State Department will study the problem further with a view toward eliminating the words "or threat of war as determined by the President" from the charter of the Subcommittee on Psychological Warfare.

3. The Committee considered SWNCC 304/4 dated 4 September 1947, the memorandum of the Navy member 304/5 dated 25 September 1947, and that of the Army member 304/7 dated 9 October 1947, on the subject of furnishing psychological warfare information to the Director, Legislative Reference Service, Library of Congress. The papers were approved subject to the provision that Senator Elbert Thomas of Utah be advised of the existence of present studies on psychological warfare under safe security if he so desires. Note: It is understood that Senator Thomas is drafting a bill on psychological warfare for Congressional action.

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